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Figure 2 of the present application shows a message file 15, with message ID column 15a, which is related to message management table 16. As can be seen, each message has receivers according to rows keyed on receiver ID 16b. The receiver ID 16b links to member table 17, which identifies the name and group of the member(s) who received a particular message. In Figure 2, it can be seen that receiver ID "890001", and receiver ID "920020" (Fuko Kacho) were the personal recipients of the message with message ID "00003". Furthermore, page 15, lines 13-19 of the present specification, state that "When a destination is designated by a sender, and the enter button 21 is clicked, a receiver ID is written corresponding to the message ID of the message management table 16." In other words, messages are sent by sending persons to receiving persons, and thus are "interpersonal".

Finally, although at least the above-mentioned portions of the present application support "interpersonal", the specification as a whole also provides support. The MPEP, § 2162, states that "While there is no in haec verba requirement, newly added claim limitations must be supported in the specification through express, implicit, or inherent disclosure." The specification as a whole, implicitly and inherently supports messaging between persons, or "interpersonal" messaging.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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